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SUBJ: ISRAELIS CLAIM EGYPTIANS SHOOT DOWN PLANE.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOV. 9 REUTER ITEM 49-50

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MIDEAST--MISSILE

TEL AVIV, NOV. 9, REUTER--ISRAEL CLAIMED TODAY THAT AN ISRAELI RECONNAISSANCE PLANE WAS DOWNED BY AN EGYPTIAN SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE TODAY OVER THE FRONT WITH EGYPT.

IT WAS THE FIRST REPORTED BREACH OF THE UNEASY CEASE-FIRE SINCE REPORTS OF AN AGREEMENT ARRANGED BY UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER FOR STABILIZING THE CEASEFIRE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

THE OFFICIAL MILITARY COMMUNIQUE SAID THE PILOTS WERE SEEN BAILING OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT, WHOSE TYPE WAS NOT SPECIFIED, AND THEIR NAMES HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

THE PLANE WAS SAID TO BE ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION, BUT THERE WERE NO IMMEDIATE DETAILS OF EXACTLY WHERE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

IT WAS THE FIRST ISRAELI PLANE REPORTED DOWNED SINCE THE TWO AND HALF WEEK OLD CEASEFIRE CAME INTO EFFECT,

THOUGH ISRAEL HAS COMPLAINED ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS THAT MISSILES HAD BEEN FIRED AT ITS AERIAL PATROLS.

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